

**CANON-McMILLAN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 22, 2008**

The Canon-McMillan Regular School Board Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the President, Ms. Link, at the Canon-McMillan Administration Building, 1 North Jefferson Avenue, Canonsburg, PA.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Roll Call**

Roll call was taken.

Robert Malwitz	P	Adam Galambos	P	Joe Zupancic	P
Kathleen Smith	P	Manuel Pihakis	P	Nick Cianelli	P
Debbie Link	P	Laura Grossman	A	Jay Romano	P

In addition to Board Members, the following non-members were present:

Dr. Nick Bayat, Superintendent  
Dr. Helen McCracken, Assistant to the Superintendent  
Ms. Joni Mansmann, Director of Business and Finance  
Ms. Linda Kappel, Federal Coordinator  
Mr. Francis DiSalle, Solicitor  
Ms. Sharon Avbel, Board Secretary  
Mr. Neil Freeze, Student Board Representative  
Ms. Jamie Kretz, Student Board Representative

**Agenda Approval**

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cianelli to approve the agenda.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Presentation to Board Members**

Dr. Bayat thanked the Board and recognized them for their commitment. WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's public school board members, elected by the citizens, have served the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and local communities in representing the public's interest in public education since the passage of the Free School Act in 1834; and WHEREAS, local school directors represent their communities' beliefs and values when making decisions about the operation of school districts, giving of their time and talent, without compensation, to provide high-quality educational opportunities that prepare children to live as productive members of society; and WHEREAS, school board members ensure that standards for achievement are met and serve as advocates for the public education of the students and the enhancement of the community, incorporating the community's view of what students should know and be able to do at each grade level; and WHEREAS, school directors are accessible to their district residents and

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accountable for the performance of the district's schools, serving as the community's watchdog and ensuring that tax dollars are spent wisely on education; and

WHEREAS, the "Pride & Promise - Public Schools . . . Achieve" public awareness campaign is working to highlight the success and value of public education, as well as promote the effectiveness and commitment of local school boards to providing all Pennsylvania children with an excellent education; and

WHEREAS, the contributions of the men and women who serve as school board members should be recognized and appreciated by those who benefit from the workings of our public school system;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association hereby proclaims the month of January as School Director Recognition Month in this commonwealth; and

FURTHER RESOLVE that this proclamation be communicated to all school districts, school officials and local communities in a planned program which brings visibility and awareness of the role of locally elected school officials to the citizenry of this commonwealth.

**Items for Consideration**

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board accept the following minutes, treasurer's report, wage tax reports, and correspondence:

- Committee Meeting of the Board, November 19, 2007
- Regular Meeting of the Board, November 19, 2007
- Reorganization/Board Meeting of the Board, December 3, 2007
- Committee Meeting of the Board, December 10, 2007
- Special Meeting of the Board, December 10, 2007
- Pre-Board Agenda Meeting, January 14, 2008

FOR NOVEMBER, 2007	Current Collections	Year to Date	Budgeted 2007-08	% of Expected
Canonsburg Borough	\$31,048.44	\$96,694.85	\$379,549	25.5%
North Strabane	173,828.06	278,453.31	1,479,735	18.8%
Cecil Township	99,470.48	246,263.30	1,349,823	18.2%

FOR DECEMBER, 2007	Current Collections	Year to Date	Budgeted 2007-08	% of Expected
Canonsburg Borough	\$20,876.98	\$117,571.83	\$379,549	31.0%
North Strabane	16,539.77	294,993.08	1,479,735	19.9%
Cecil Township	23,767.84	270,031.14	1,349,823	20.0%

The motion carried unanimously.

**Bills for Ratification and Approval**

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romano that the Board ratify and approve the following bills:

For Ratification:

FOR NOVEMBER,

General Fund \$6,090,131.25

Athletic Fund 15,212.28

FOR DECEMBER,

General Fund \$3,462,479.17

Athletic Fund 1,040.00

Cafeteria Fund 138,646.54

For Approval:

FOR DECEMBER, 2007

General Fund \$448,598.50

FOR JANUARY,

General Fund \$209,798.68

The motion carried unanimously.

**Budget Transfers**

Mr. Cianelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board approve the following budget transfers:

FOR NOVEMBER, 2007

Budget Transfers Requiring Board Approval Prior to Transfer  
.....\$43,346.

Budget Transfers Requiring Board Ratification Subsequent to Transfer  
....\$36,200.

FOR DECEMBER, 2007

Budget Transfers Requiring Board Approval Prior to Transfer  
.....\$163,232.

Budget Transfers Requiring Board Ratification Subsequent to Transfer..\$54,740.83

The motion carried unanimously.

**Solicitor's Report**

Mr. DiSalle stated that he had nothing to report.

**Committee Reports**

Ms. Smith reported that Mr. Malwitz would like the policy committee to meet in early February regarding food allergies and combining all policies related to medical emergencies.

**Student Representative Report**

The student representatives reported that the FBLA regional competition was on January 16<sup>th</sup>; the Southwest Academic League had an undefeated season; after-school parent conferences will be held on February 6<sup>th</sup> and the Prom Fashion Show will be held February 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Citizens Speak**

The following citizens addressed the Board:		
Paul Setto	622 Promise Lane, Canonsburg	Budget/Taxes
Dave Kennon	122 Surrey Drive	Retirement Incentive

***SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT***

**Resignations**

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Romano that the Board approve the following resignations:

1. accept the resignation of Carol Fragapane from her position as a paraeducator at Canonsburg Middle School, effective December 12, 2007.
2. accept the resignation of Roxanne Radosy from her position as a 10 month secretary at Borland Manor Elementary effective at the end of the day January 18, 2008. Ms. Radosy has accepted other employment.
3. accept the resignation of Heather Marini from her position as Assistant Cheerleading Sponsor.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Appointments**

Mr. Pihakis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cianelli that the Board approve the following:

1. hire Jonn Mansfield as the Director of Transportation (260 day Act 93 position) at the annual salary of \$62,000, effective January 23, 2008 or at a transitional time agreed upon by both employers. Mr. Mansfield will replace Paul Hoffman who didn't accept the position.
2. modify the salary of Randy Huddart, Director of Buildings and Grounds, for the 2008-2009 school year to \$40,000. The 260 day position will be considered part of Act 93.
3. hire the following professional personnel effective January 23, 2008:

Kristen Mavrigh	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Cecil Elementary (Step 2)
Megan McConnell	Elementary music teacher
Ashley McClellan Surich	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at Wylandville Elementary (Step 2)

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Burt Mamula

Guidance counselor at the  
High School

4. appoint the following as permanent substitutes for teachers on leave with salary and benefits per Procedure IV-7:  
Sarah Steele 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Hills-Hendersonville, 2<sup>nd</sup> semester  
Mollie Zewe 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Muse, 2<sup>nd</sup> semester  
Heather Marini 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Cecil Intermediate, 2<sup>nd</sup> semester  
Lee Caffrey 6<sup>th</sup> grade at North Strabane Inter., 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
5. hire Jacob Lawrence as a maintenance worker effective January 23, 2008 at the contracted salary.
6. hire Janie Senay-Peyatt as a 4 hour custodian at South Central Elementary effective January 28, 2008 at the contracted salary. Ms. Senay-Peyatt has been working as a cafeteria worker.
7. change the status of Raechel Lorusso from a paraeducator at First Street Elementary to that of a temporary 10 month secretary at Hills-Hendersonville Elementary, effective January 2, 2008.
8. change Harry Fehl from a 5 hour driver to a 6 1/4 hour driver effective January 15, 2008.
9. hire Kelly Mariskanish as a 2 1/4 hour cafeteria worker at Borland Manor Elementary effective January 23, 2008 at the contracted salary.
10. hire the following as extra-curricular personnel at the contracted salary:  
Ron Solmon Head Middle School Track Coach \$2,408  
Mary Matus 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach \$2,324  
Kristen Sacco Ass't. Cheerleading Sponsor(1/2 yr.) \$904.50  
Rachel Mumford Ass't Varsity Softball Coach \$2,519
11. approve the Addendum to the Professional and Support Staff Substitute List, dated January, 2008.

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The motion carried unanimously.

### **Student Discipline**

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zupancic that the Board approve the student discipline and adjudication of students 001 to 011 for school year 2007-2008.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Educational Partners Agreement**

Mr. Pihakis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cianelli that the Board approve the Educational Partners Agreement with revisions and suggestions from the Board.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Student Trip**

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Galambos that the Board approve TSA students who are successful at the Regional Competition to attend the Technology Student Association State Competition at Seven Springs on April 9-12, 2008. The estimated cost to the school district for food and lodging will be approximately \$300 per student who qualifies. (funds from budgetary reserve)

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Powerade Christmas Wrestling Tournament**

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Zupancic that the Board approve the use of the Canon-McMillan High School for the Powerade Christmas Wrestling Tournaments for the next three years as per the contract.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Approval of Fundraisers**

Mr. Zupancic made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cianelli that the Board approve the fundraisers for the Canonsburg Middle School Choir.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Acceptance of Donation**

Mr. Malwitz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Galambos that the Board accept the donation of a bench at the stadium in the memory of Marissa Boyan.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **Appointment of Bond Counsel**

Mr. Cianelli made a motion, seconded by Mr. Galambos that the Board continue Houston Harbaugh as the district's bond counsel for the upcoming

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refinancing of the Series of 2003.

The motion carried with all present voting aye, with the exception of Ms. Link who abstained.

**PSBA Pride and Promise Resolution**

Ms. Smith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Galambos that the Board approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania School Boards Association re-established and

energized a public outreach campaign to promote the significance of public education as the foundation for the economic and intellectual enhancement of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its citizens, and

WHEREAS, the Pride and Promise campaign is designed to augment the public's

knowledge regarding the funding of public education and to emphasize the important role that school directors maintain in their communities, and

WHEREAS, the campaign messages will focus on fiscal responsibility, community

leadership and student achievement, and

WHEREAS Canon-McMillan School District believes in the power and achievement of public education to strengthen its community and the commonwealth,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Canon-McMillan School District strongly

supports the Pride & Promise public outreach campaign and will assist this effort in whatever manner possible to increase awareness of the value of public education and its enhancement of our community and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Canon-McMillan School District will work with local business, civic and government organizations to promote to the broad community the accomplishments and importance of local public education.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Recognition**

The Board recognized the following:

The following high school chorus students were selected to participate in the PMEA District 1 Chorus Festival on February 6-8, 2008 at Belle Vernon Area and Elizabeth Forward School Districts: Natalie Antypas, Julianne Avolio, and Kristy Bissell.

The following high school chorus students were selected to participate in the WCMEA County Band and Chorus Festival January 19 and February 1, 2008 at Finley Middle School in the Ringgold School District: Travis Arrigoni, Jeremy Bennett, Chad Gauthier, Brittney Johnston, Jay Michalka, Kylee Moninger, Kristin Salaky, Ashley Stadtfeld, Andrew Strauch, and Matthew Weldy.

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**Information**

1. Since the contract with Nutrition Inc. ends on June 30, 2008, the administration will be investigating the process for developing the RFP for food service management. Ms. Link asked if the contract could be extended for one year.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Link adjourned the meeting at 7:18 P.M.

*Sharon L. Arbel*

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Secretary